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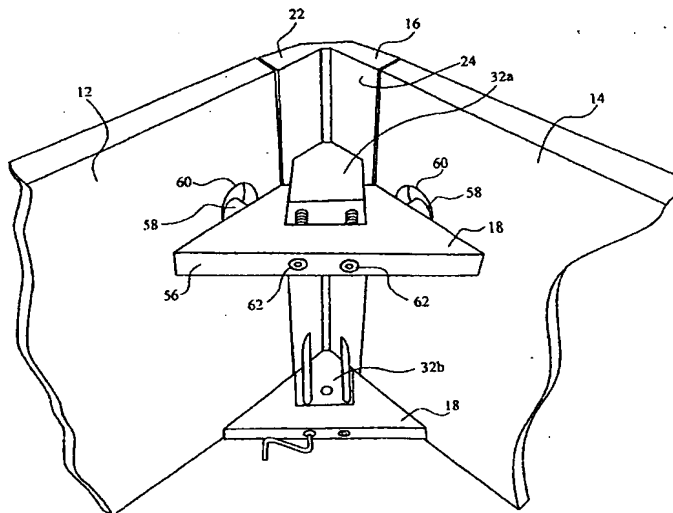
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(54) Title: **KNOCK DOWN DIVAN BASE**



(57) ~~Abstract:~~ One aspect of the invention provides a knock down divan base for a bed where the base comprises a pair of lateral side panels (12), a pair of end panels (14) and a plurality of corner posts (16) for securing the end and side panels together to provide a generally rectangular base. Each corner post is secured in interlocking engagement with a respective end and side panel by means of at least one interlocking brace (18) extending between the adjacent end and side panels. Preferably the side and end panels are substantially non-load bearing such that the corner posts support substantially the whole of the bed independently of the panels (12, 14). The invention also comprehends an interlocking corner post and brace arrangement for use in other items of furniture, for example chairs or the like where a support structure is required.